

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 13, 2006, to the Examiner's Interview Summary dated November 13, 2006, and to the Advisory Action dated January 17, 2007.

The final office action dated October 13, 2006 made the following rejections and objections:

- Claim 3 objected for a mis-spelled term;
- Claims 1-19 and 42-43 rejected as obvious over the combination of Tarnopol (US 3,772,075) with JP 2003-008180.

Claims 3 and 5 are canceled, obviating the objection to claim 3.

In the telephonic interview held on November 9, 2006, it was agreed that claim 42 recited allowable subject matter (see Examiner's PTOL-413 dated November 13, 2006, and the Applicant's after final Amendment dated December 13, 2006). That after-final Amendment was denied entry by the Advisory Action dated January 17, 2007.

In view of the above agreement as to allowance of claim 42, this RCE makes the following changes to the claims:

- Dependency of claims 2, 6, 15-16 and 18-19 is changed;
- Claim 1 is amended to recite as a dependent claim with elements not recited in claim 42;
- Claims 4, 18 and 42 are amended to recite the common American spelling of "molding";
- Claim 4 is further amended to replace "can involve" with the more definite term "comprising", and to eliminate "some of" which is seen as excess verbiage;
- Claim 7 is amended to recite proper antecedent basis from claim 42 and intervening claim 6; and
- Claim 8 is amended to recite proper antecedent basis from claim 7, and to eliminate "step selected from the group consisting of" which is seen as excess verbiage.

Each of claims 1-2, 4, 6-19 and 43 depend from claim 42, and are seen to be in condition for allowance given the teleconference and related papers concerning claim 42.


Further, this RCE adds apparatus claims 44-50 as follows: claim 44 follows claim 42 for apparatus; claim 44 is supported at page 3 line 1 to page 4 line 19 of the written description; and claims 46-50 follow respective claims 42, 1, 6, 12 and 10. No new matter is added.

The Advisory Action indicated that claims 42 and 43 would require a rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as being broader than the enabling disclosure (not directed to a housing of a mobile phone). The Applicants note that claim 1 as originally filed recited "A method of forming a pattern on an article"; the broader term 'article' is supported at the embodiments disclosed at page 1 line 19 to page 2 line 4 of the written description; and a mobile phone is explicitly disclosed as one example of such an article at page 2 lines 16-17. Since the disclosure is not limited only to the housing of a mobile phone, claim 42 is seen to comply with the requirements of 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

Claim 44 is an apparatus claim that recites means for performing the elements of method claim 42. Claim 45 gives structure to each of those "means". Claim 46 recites an apparatus such as might be made by the method of claim 42, and incorporates subject matter also recited in claim 42. The apparatus of independent claims 44 and 46 are distinctive over the art in that the cited art does not include the specific binder material recited in claims 44 and 46, the same distinction agreed as to method claim 42 as distinguishing over the combination of JP 2003-008180 and Tarnopol. Claim 45 depends from claim 44, and claims 47-50 depend from claim 44. Those claims should be allowable with their parent independent claims.

In view of the full examination already conducted and the agreement reached as detailed above, the Applicants request an expedited review of the claims in this RCE. The undersigned representative welcomes the opportunity to resolve any matters that may remain, formal or otherwise, via teleconference at the Examiner's discretion.

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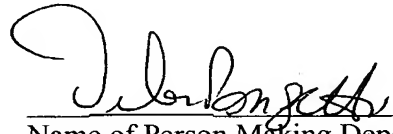
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